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Washington Expels Libya's Diplomats

The Reagan Administration fired another salvo in its war on terrorism last week. Citing a "general pattern of unacceptable conduct" at Libya's Washington embassy, the State Department ordered all 27 Libyans stationed there to leave the country within five days. The action was just one step short of a full break in diplomatic relations with America's third largest supplier of imported oil.

U.S. spokesmen gave no examples of Libyan misbehavior. Privately, they expressed concern about Libyan meddling in other Arab and African countries, such as Chad. And they said the FBI had evidence suggesting that Libya arranged the shooting last October of Faisal Abdulaze Zagallai, a Libyan dissident studying sociology at Colorado State University. The attack appeared to be part of Libyan strongman Muammar Kaddafi's crusade to liquidate his critics; in the past year his agents have murdered Libyan dissenters living in Britain, Italy and Greece. Six Libyans were expelled from the United States last year

after they were accused of taking part in the liquidation campaign.

An American ex-Green Beret named Eugene Tafoya has been arrested for the attempt on Zagallai's life. Federal investigators suspect Edwin Wilson, a former CIA employee, of arranging the attack when Tafoya visited Libya last year. Wilson, who fled the United States several years ago, was indicted last year, along with a former CIA colleague named Frank Terpil, for conspiring to smuggle explosives to Libya. Now Wilson is believed to be running a training camp in Libya for Kaddafi's strong-arm men.